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Dear Mr. Moon Jeong Ho:

This is in reply to your letter addressed to the Chief of the Philippine national Police, PDG AVELINO I RAZON, JR, dated January 9, 2008 requesting investigation on the alleged abduction, torture and captivity of Renante Romagos on December 12, 2007 at Barangay Casoon, Monkayo, Compostela Valley.

Please be informed that as per initial investigation conducted by the Monkayo Police Station, Renante Romagos left his home at about 8:00 O'clock in the morning of December 12, 2007 to go to Sitio Malinawon, Barangay Banlag, Monkayo. On his way, he met a group of persons who are unfamiliar and unknown to him. Thereupon, he was blindfolded, boarded to a truck and brought to a secluded place where he was held for five (5) days. Then at about midnight of December 17, 2007, he was brought to a remote place in Barangay Jaguimitan, Monkayo, Comval Province where he was stabbed several times on different parts of his body. His abductors then left him when they thought he was dead. He was discovered and rescued by residents of the place and was brought by Barangay Tanod Constantino Lubanan to the Monkayo Police Station. The Chief of Police of Monkayo ordered that Renante Romagos be immediately brought to the hospital for treatment. He was later on discharged from the hospital after receiving appropriate treatment.

In his affidavit dated January 29, 2008, Renante Romagos averred that he did not recognize or knew the identity of the group who abducted him and inflicted stab wounds upon him. Because of this, the police has no lead in the investigation since there are no witnesses who can identify the perpetrators and there are also no evidence submitted to be used in resolving the case.

In spite of this, continuous and follow-up investigation is still being conducted by the police, with the cooperation of the victim, to identify the perpetrators and bring them to justice.

Very truly yours,

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